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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS IO FROM SCRANTON

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SUBJ: MEETING OF SCRANTON WITH SYG WALDHEIM, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 10TH

1. DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE RETIREMENT OF COMMISSIONER GENERAL
RENNIE AND SYG WILL TRY TO HAVE HIM STAY ON AT LEAST
THROUGH JUNE. RENNIE'S CONTRACT ENDING MARCH 31ST.

2. SYG HAS LOOKED INTO KONZ AND FINDS HIS RECORD TO BE
EXCELLENT, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT VAN BOVEN WILL BE APPOINTED.

3. DISCUSSED MOVES ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN ESSENCE HE
IS AWAITING KISSINGER VISIT HERE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.
BUT SYG RECOGNIZES THE NECESSITY OF CAREFUL PREPARATION
(ALTHOUGH CLEARLY HE IS EXCITED ABOUT HIS
PARTICIPATION) AND REALIZES U.N. "UMBRELLA" IS IMPORTANT
BUT REAL WORK HAS TO BE DONE BY U.S. PRIMARILY.

4. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT NEW ADMINISTRATIVE
TALENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR RETIRING AGED PERSONNEL AND
NECESSITY FOR EMPHASIS ON ADMINISTRATION IN THIS, HIS
SECOND TERM, IT IS STILL QUITE CLEAR THAT ADMINISTRATION
IS NOT SYG'S "THING". CONSTANTLY THINKS IN POLITICAL
TERMS. POSSIBILITY OF OTHER THAN THIRD WORLD (PREFERABLY
LATIN) SELECTION FOR NEW NUMBER TWO JOB
(ADMINISTRATOR) IN GENEVA SEEMS REMOTE. HOWEVER, PERSUADED
HIM TO SEE CARLUCCI AND WILL ARRANGE LUNCH WITH SYG,
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CARLUCCI AND SCRANTON FOR EARLY JANUARY.

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